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MOTION ON NOTICE

2. FCM Resolution - Costs of Federal Crime Legislation C10 and on Promoting Prevention

MOVER: Councillor Raymond Louie

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Municipal governments are the front-line providers of public safety services and programs, including support services for released offenders who have returned to their home communities;
2. In Canada, various parliamentary committees and national organizations, including Canada's National Municipal Network on Crime Prevention have recognized the need for a coordinated, multi-agency approach to addressing local crime problems and improving community safety;
3. New federal legislation Bill C-10, including the Safe Streets and Communities Act, will result in more people being sentenced to jail due to mandatory minimums as well as increased maximum sentences;
4. Bill C-10 may significantly increase costs to public safety, policing and correctional systems, and community and social services will be challenged to meet the demands of more prisoners who need to be re-integrated into the community;
5. The City of Ottawa has submitted a resolution for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities AGM, calling on the federal government to provide a rigorous cost-benefit analysis of recent crime legislation, including the impact of increased and extended incarceration on police resources, municipal budgets and community safety, with particular attention to impacts on the reintegration of offenders released from prisons into communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Vancouver supports the resolution submitted by the City of Ottawa to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and calls on the Federal Government to work with all orders of government to continue to strengthen and invest in strategic, successful and proven methods in crime prevention, victim assistance, and the effective integration of offenders released back into our communities.

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